

October 5, 2018

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Melanie Hill
Executive Director
Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency
Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Urologic Surgery Center of Knoxville, CN1807-029

Dear Ms. Hill:

This letter is submitted on behalf of **Covenant Health** in opposition to the certificate of need application referenced above.

By way of background, Covenant Health is a community-owned, not-for-profit health system in East Tennessee with a long tradition of providing healthcare services to patients within many communities. The health system currently consists of nine acute care hospitals, a behavioral health hospital and related outpatient facilities, community cancer centers, and various other healthcare related programs and entities.

Covenant Health has numerous concerns about the proposed venture set forth in the above-referenced CON application. We will be present at the Agency's meeting on October 24, 2018, to address our concerns and to answer any questions the Agency members may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BUTLER SNOW LLP



Dan H. Elrod

cc: Scott Guyton, CUA Opco, LLC c/o Tennessee Urology Associates